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a report containing fragmentary
information on five Polish Army installations, four WOP (Border Guard)
installations, and two Soviet installations in Poland.

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MISCELLANEOUS POLISH AND SOVIET ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION

A. POLISH ORDER OF BATTLE AND INSTALLATION DATA

1. Army Installations

<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/1 Army Casern	Unk	OPOLE (For pinpoint location, see item 1, Annex A)	CO was unknown. The casern was located on a state road (name unknown) in the western suburbs of the city and extended about one kilometer along the road. There were two distinct sections to the casern, the old section to

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the north and the newer section to the south. [redacted] not know when the new section was built. It was completed before 1954 [redacted]

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[redacted] It was composed of about 50 two- and three-story buildings; some were red brick and some were gray stucco. The use made of the buildings was unknown. In the northern, old section of the casern the buildings were old and poorly kept. In the southern, new section, the buildings were of the same type construction, only newer. From the road it appeared that a barbed wire fence about 2 1/2 m high completely surrounded the area. There was a guarded entrance about every 50 to 75 m along the state road. The guards were infantry uniforms and carried carbines or SMGs of the FPSH type (model number unknown). Troop strength and capacity of the casern were unknown.

[redacted] observed 10 to 15 weapons [redacted] thought [redacted] anti-tank guns [redacted]

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[redacted] groups of 15 to 20 soldiers around the casern area. Some wore red cap bands and some wore black cap bands. [redacted] there were anti-tank, infantry, and artillery units in the casern.

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Allegedly, there was an anti-aircraft officer candidate school and an engineer officer candidate school in the casern. On several occasions, [redacted] groups of three or four soldiers in the uniforms worn by anti-aircraft cadets [redacted]

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>OO and Remarks</u>
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U/1 Armored Unit and Casern	Unk	OPOLE (For pinpoint location see item 2, Annex A)	OO was unknown. The casern was located on a state road (name unknown) and was in two separate sections which were one kilometer apart. The southern section was a headquarters and billeting area
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and the northern part was a tank garage area.

The billeting area to the south had about 12 three-story and four-story buildings, some of which were red brick and others, gray stucco. The use made of the buildings was unknown. There was a barbed wire fence about two meters high along the front of the casern and along the northern side.

There was only one main gate. He could not recall ever seeing guards in this area. this was the headquarters and billeting area because there were no buildings in the tank garage area which could have been used for quartering troops and there was a great deal of back and forth traffic between the two areas. Troop strength and capacity of the casern were unknown.

The tank garage area had eight to ten long, low, one-story, red brick, garage-type buildings with flat roofs (dimensions were unknown). These garages had sliding doors and tanks were parked in them. tanks of the T-34 and heavy JS-type parked in and around the garages (number unknown). The type of fence around the area was unknown because

it was barbed wire because it did not show up well from the road. There were no guards visible in the area.

On two occasions in 1957, eight to 10 tanks driving in an area south of the tank garage area. This allegedly was the tank training area. Exact dimensions of this area were unknown.

U/1 Armored Unit	Unk	Unk	NYSA (For pinpoint location see item 1, Annex B)	CO was unknown. It was common knowledge among the people of the city that an infantry division was quartered there (unit designation unknown).
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two generals (exact grades unknown) and at least four colonels in cars with insignia of rank on small flags flying on the bumpers.

This was a former German casern area which was completely destroyed during WW II and was entirely rebuilt since that time. There were about 15 three-story and four-story buildings lining the state road (name of road unknown), which were used for military and dependent housing. One could see from the road that soldiers and their dependents were living in these buildings. Altogether there were about 30

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buildings in the casern; utilisation of the buildings, other than those lining the state road, was unknown. About half of these buildings were constructed of red brick and half, of gray stucco. Around the casern was a steel picket fence about 2 1/2 m high. There were five or six gates along the state road, leading to the housing area. There were guards wearing black cap bands, armed with SMGs of the PPSH type (model number unknown) at all these gates.

The training area was south of the casern area, across the road. On two occasions in 1956, tanks maneuvering in this area. Once about 10 tanks in single file being driven through the area, and on another occasion about 20 tanks in a column of two's being driven from one end of the area to the other, at least 200 tanks parked in rows of about 20 each, in this area. There also were a great many trucks which were similar to the US GMC.

U/i Infantry Unit and Casern	Unk	Unk	NYSA (For pinpoint location see item 2, Annex B)	CO was unknown. The casern was located on a state road (name unknown) in the northern part of the city. The area extended along both sides of the road for a distance of about one-half kilometer.
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there were a number of three-story and four-story red brick buildings (number unknown). Information on the type of fence and on the gates was also unknown. Northeast of the casern area troops in a training area, taking physical training. These troops were in formation and were doing physical exercises in unison. There were about two platoons of men in infantry uniforms with red cap bands.

U/i Infantry Unit and Casern	Unk	Unk	NYSA (For pinpoint location see item 3, Annex B)	CO was unknown. This casern was located in the northwestern part of the city. There were three-story and four-story red brick buildings (number unknown) about 70 m long. The buildings completely enclosed an area two blocks long and one block wide except for four to six entrances or driveways which had arched iron gates about five meters wide and six meters high.
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pletely enclosed an area two blocks long and one block wide except for four to six entrances or driveways which had arched iron gates about five meters wide and six meters high.

The street along the west side of the casern was closed to heavy traffic. There was a guard post at the northern entrance of the street which rerouted all vehicles except light trucks, motorcycles, and automobiles.

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The guards at this traffic post wore infantry uniforms. [redacted]
 there were other traffic control points at other entrances to the city. [redacted]
 Several people who had lived in the city for many years (names unknown) [redacted] told [redacted]
 northern casern was connected underground with five underground storage depots.
 [redacted] two of these storage depots were beneath old forts which dated from the time of the Kaiser (1914). [redacted] this northern casern was connected to these depots not only by passageways but also by a narrow-gauge railway system. [redacted] this was the reason why traffic was rerouted around some sections of the city, because of the danger of heavy traffic over streets under which were passages and narrow-gauge railways. [redacted]

[redacted] during WW II the Germans had an underground hangar and runway at some location in the vicinity of the city; people claimed that German planes seemed to "fly out of the ground". [redacted]
 [redacted] it had some connection with the underground storage depots. [redacted]

2. WOP Installations

U/i WOP Casern	Unk	Unk	KLODZKO (N50-25, E16-39) (UTM XR 181883) (For pinpoint location see Annex C)	CO was unknown. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] a sugar refinery employee (nu) who had been arrested and imprisoned in a prison within the WOP casern, for being at fault in an automobile accident, (other details of the imprisonment unknown). [redacted] the WOP Regional Command Headquarters was located there [redacted]
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[redacted] it was addressed to the CO of the WOP Regional Command Headquarters (Komanda Rejonowa WOP). [redacted] there was a school for WOP soldiers (details unknown) and a dog training school located there. [redacted] the main interrogation point for attempted Czech border escapees was located here.

The casern was composed of red brick buildings, two and three stories high (number of buildings unknown), which bordered on a large, open, and flat formation field (dimensions unknown) on three sides. On the fourth side there was a heavy wire fence about four meters high with a cement base and a main entrance. The entrance had a two-part, ornamental wrought iron gate about three meters high. There were two guards in WOP uniforms stationed at the gate. [redacted]

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<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>	
U/i WOP Headquarters	Unk	Unk	KALKOW (N50-23,E17-10) (UTM XR 555 860) (For pinpoint location see Annex D)	CO was unknown.
there was a WOP headquarters there because of the subject of the meeting and the appearance of the building.				
This headquarters was located in a single, cream-colored stucco, two-story building about 30 m long and 15 m wide. It was flat-roofed and at each corner of the roof there was a circular tower about six meters high. wide concrete steps lead up to the main entrance. There were no guards and no fence around the area of the building.				
U/i WOP Headquarters and Casern	Unk	Unk	PACZKOW (N50-27,E17-00) (UTM XR 428 923) (For pinpoint location see Annex E)	CO was unknown.
there was a WOP headquarters there (type unknown), and that illegal Polish-Czechoslovak border crossers were brought there for interrogation before being sent on to the WOP Regional Headquarters in KLODZKO.				
U/i WOP Unit	Unk	Unk	JASZENICA GORNA (OBER HERMSDORF) (N50-23,E17-07) (UTM XR 510 850)	

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B. SOVIET ORDER OF BATTLE AND INSTALLATION DATA IN POLAND

<u>Unit Designation</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>CO and Remarks</u>
U/i Soviet Unit	Unk	Unk OPOLE	CO was unknown. The location of the unit in OPOLE was unknown. 10 to 15 Soviet officers and NCOs in the area of the railroad station. The grades of the officers ranged from second lieutenant to major. it was common knowledge that a Soviet unit was stationed in the area, armor, artillery, and Air Force insignia on the soldiers.

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U/i Soviet Unit	Unk	Unk NYSA (For pinpoint location see item 4, Annex B)	CO was unknown. The casern was located northwest of a Polish casern area on a state road (name of road unknown). There were about six three-story and four-story buildings, some of which were red brick and others, gray stucco. The casern was surrounded by a wire fence about two meters high which had a concrete base. Soviet Air Force and infantry personnel in unknown numbers in and around the area it was common knowledge that this was a work unit which was rebuilding an air strip in the vicinity (location unknown).
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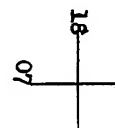
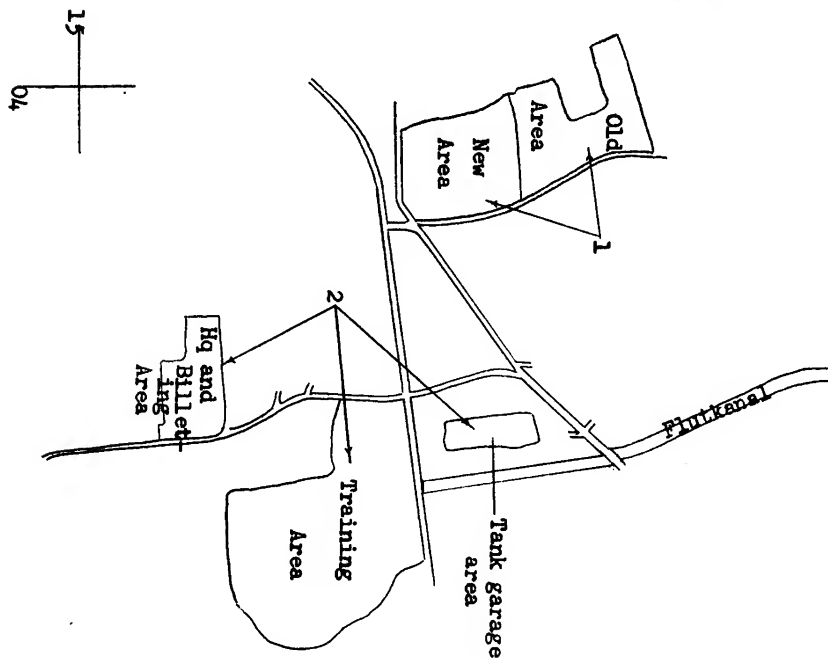
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Annex A

Pinpoint Locations of Polish Military Installations in OPOLE



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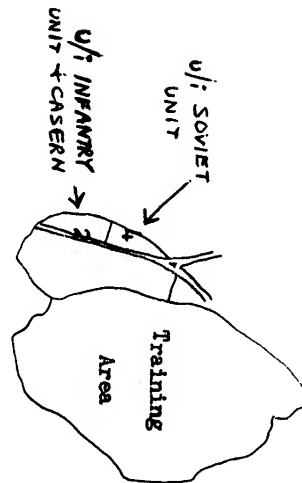
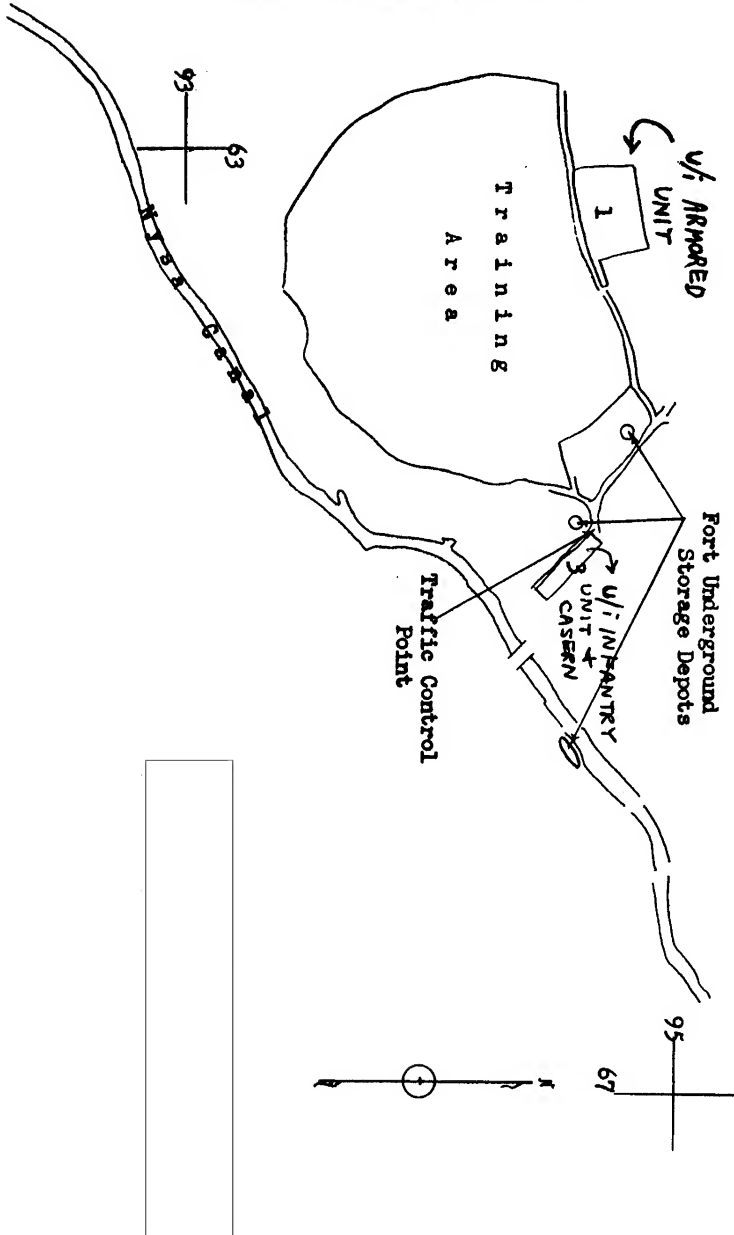
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Annex B

Pinpoint Locations of Polish and Soviet Installations in NYSA



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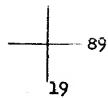
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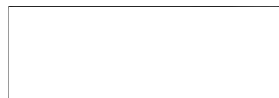
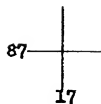
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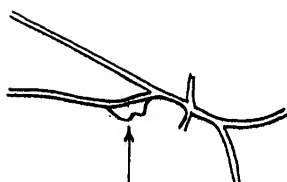
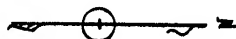
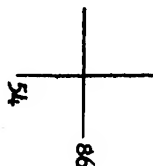
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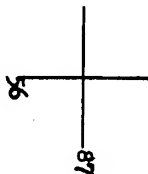


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Pinpoint Location of WOP Headquarters in KALKOW (KALKAU)

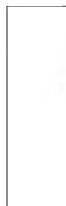


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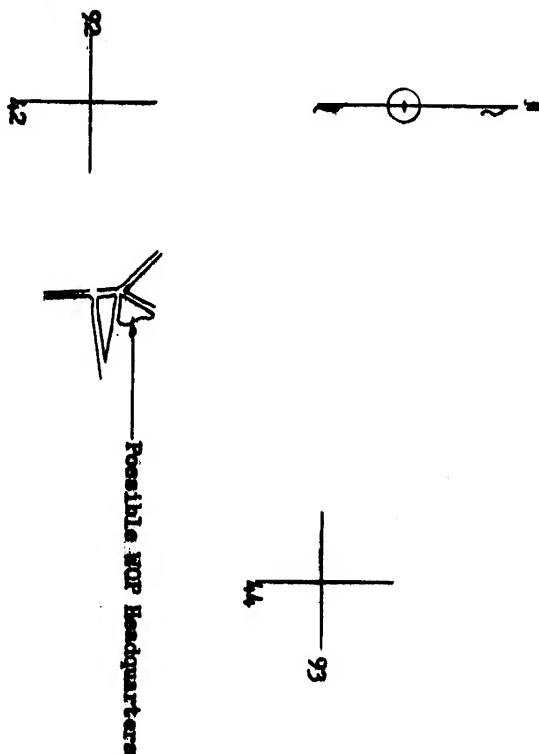
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Annex E

Pinpoint Location of Possible WOP Headquarters in PACZKOW (PATSCHEAU)



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